

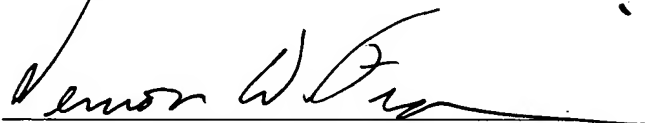
Remarks

Claims 1-16 and 19-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1-16 stand allowed.
Claims 19-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-16 with appreciation.
Claims 19-21 are canceled without prejudice to further prosecution in a separate application.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the present amendment and pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,




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